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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FRANCHISE.

It is reported that the Liberal and Country League has patched over its differences by compromise proposal agreeing to adult franchise for the Legislative Council upon condition that Legislative Council elections are held on a different day from House of Assembly elections and that voting is voluntary.

The idea of having Legislative Council elections on a separate day is intolerable.

I am quite sure that the public does not want any more parliamentary elections than at present.

This is simply a device to give the appearance of agreeing to adult franchise while retaining the substance of privileged Liberal control of the Legislative Council.

Adult franchise under these conditions would be a delusion and not a reality.

To pretend to favour adult franchise and to attach conditions of this sort is pure hypocrisy.
